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Jo Anne Barnhart Commissioner, Social Security Administration P.O. Box 17703 Baltimore, MD 21235-7703

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Dear Commissioner Barnhart:

I am writing to support the proposed regulations for continuation of benefits for persons who are participating in vocational rehabilitation services, employment services, or other support services (published for public comment on August 1, 2003). The proposed regulations would change the rules which guide how the Social Security Administration decides to allow continuation of cash benefits for people in vocational or other support training who no longer meet the definition of eligibility for SSI benefits.

I believe this to be a very important proposal, and I urge you to publish it as a final rule as soon as possible. Young people with disabilities should remain in school or in vocational training as long as needed to acquire the skills to become as independent as possible. This proposed regulation will make it possible for more young people to finish their educational, vocational, or other support training.

Sincerely,

Anne C. Hamilton